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Specification

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 of the Specification as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Not applicable. This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/167,286 filed October 7, 1998.

Please amend the Specification on page 4, paragraph 3 with the following paragraph:

Suitable pallet designs include all pallets known in the art including, for example, designs disclosed in U.S. Design Patents 246,296, 296,599, and 315,240, in addition to U.S. Patents 3,331,336, 3,405,666, 3,610,173, 3,664,271, 3,750,596, 3,824,933, 5,505,141, 5,520,121, 5,527,585, and co-pending and commonly owned application Serial Number 09/087,175, now abandoned.

Please amend the Specification at page 20, third full paragraph:

Another development is the use of certain cyclic phosphates, for example, diphenyl pentaerythritol diphosphate, as a flame retardant agent for polyphenylene ether resins, as is described by Axcelrod in U.S. Pat. No. 4,254,775 4,154,773.

Please amend the Specification at page 30, first full paragraph:

Included among the many methods of making the polyetherimide are those disclosed in U. S. Patent Nos. 3,847,867, ~~3,814,869~~ 3,847,869, 3,850,885, 3,852,242, 3,855,178, and 3,983,093. These patents are incorporated herein by reference for the purpose of teaching, by way of illustration, general and specific methods for preparing polyetherimide for use in the blends of this invention.